

**South Barrington, IL** – Today Congresswoman Bean delivered the keynote speech at the 2007 Harper College Commencement at Willow Creek Community Church in South Barrington.

**"I am proud of my community college education, which helped me further my own life's goals," Bean said. "I'm committed to supporting community colleges and the resources they provide to our students, employers and our nation."**

Bean spoke about the power of education and perseverance and described the path that led her to the U.S. Congress and the great potential for collaborative hard work to change the world. There were approximately 350 graduates among the over 3,000 attendees at the ceremony.

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